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YAOUNDE FOR JAY K. KATZEN, CHQRGE BRAZZAVILLE AT COM CONFERENCE-
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TAGS: APER (HAM, BRADFORD W.)

SUBJECT: HAM-WORRES MARRIAGE CASE

1. EMBASSY LEARNED FROM CONGOLESE LAWYER THAT VALID MARRIAGE
CERTIFICATE COULD BE ISSUED FOR MARRIAGE OF BRADFORD HAM AND
AZIEB WORRES IF MISS WORRES COULD EXECUTE A "PROCURATION DE
MARRIAGE" GIVING PERMISSION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL (DENISE R. GROSS)
TO STAND IN HER STEAD IN A MARRIAGE CEREMONY AND SIGN IN HER
NAME BECAUSE AZIEB IS UNABLE TO BE IN CONGO PERSONALLY FOR THE
CEREMONY DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND HER CONTROL.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE EMBASSY ADDIS COULD PROVIDE
IN OBTAINING THIS DOCUMENT. SINCE HAM DEPARTS BRAZZAVILLE FOR
BAMAKO ON APRIL 1, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE CERTIFICATE TO ARRIVE
BRAZZAVILLE BY MARCH 30 AT THE LATEST. REALIZE IT WILL BE NEARLY
IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN THE DOCUMENT AND HAVE IT IN OUR HANDS BY
MARCH 30. HOWEVER, IF DOCUMENT COULD BE POUCHED VIA NAIROBI AND
KINSHASA MARKED URGENT OR HAND CARRIED BY ANYONE COMING FROM
ADDIS OR NAIROBI TO KINSHASA IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, THIS DOCUMENT
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COULD CONCEIVABLY REACH US IN SHORT ENOUGH TIME TO UTILIZE IT IN
OBTAINING A VALID MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE BEFORE APRIL 1.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, SINCE EMBASSY STATES OPSEC ADDIS REQUIRES
THAT AZIEB PRESENT "VALID MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE" FOR PROCESSING
OF EXIT VISA, AND PROXY MARRIAGE IS POSSIBLE IN ETHIOPIA (77
ADDIS 6939), AND NOTHING ELSE HAS BEEN SUCESSFULLY TRIED IN THE

HAM-WORRES MARRIAGE CASE, DOES EMBASSY ADDIS FEEL SANGUINE ABOUT
HAM EXECUTING A LIKE DOCUMENT AND POUCHING TO EMBASSY ADDIS SO THAT
A PROXY MARRIAGE CEREMONY COULD BE PERFORMED THERE?

4. ADVISE IMMEDIATE. BQILEY

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